

American Athletes Clinch Victory in Olympic Games, While One of Them Breaks Another Record

Dazzling Tennis in National Doubles

Tilden and Garland Succumb to Wonderful Play of Davis and Roberts at Longwood.

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BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 20.—There has been some mighty thrilling tennis since the series of important grass court tournaments began, three weeks ago, and superlatives and other flattering adjectives through frequent use almost have become frayed at the edges. All these superlatives, however, will have to be employed again with the addition of several new ones, to describe adequately the match of matches that a great tennis tournament at Longwood today when William T. Tilden and Charles S. Garland of the Davis cup team went down to defeat in the semi-final round of the national doubles championship at the hands of Billie B. Davis and Roland Roberts of California.

Good as was the other semi-final match earlier in the afternoon, in which William H. Johnston and Clarence J. Griffin of California defeated Wallace F. Johnson and Stanley W. Pearson of Philadelphia, it was almost forgotten entirely in the myriad thrills and sensational strokes that marked the triumph of Davis and Roberts. It was a tennis match of the recoveries in the heart of the fastest rallies bordering on the amazing. The speed with which spectacular shots went through the intricate manner in which apparently never-ending strokes were sent back across the net to keep the rallies going, and the huge crowd almost dizzy at times. Seldom has a gallery been so demonstrative as the one that today, and the crowd had a good cause to bubble over with enthusiasm and excitement.

Davis and Roberts literally pounded their way to victory. They began hitting hard in the first set, and never let the slightest, setting a warlike pace. Veteran players declared afterward that they did not believe any pair could maintain such powerful stroking through five hard sets. With a good control as another valuable asset, the Californians came from behind after losing two of the first three sets and won by a score of 7-5, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, 8-6.

Garland's Defence Weakens.

It was Garland's failure to keep pace with the perfect storm of wallowing strokes that cost the Davis cup pair the match. The Yale captain began by broodingly his alertness and sharp angled placements accounting for many earned points in the opening set, but as the match advanced his defence weakened at critical stages, and his inability to handle the net for a volley one moment and then racing all the way to a deep corner the next. The spectators are wondering yet how he made some of the starting sets he did. In these there was no category of tennis strokes that Tilden failed to bring into play it was not apparent to the critics. He made several costly errors in the final set, but on the whole his exhibition was steady and his play brilliant. During one rally late in the first set Tilden sprinted all the way into the next court to get a sharp angle on his backhand and sent it across for a winning point. And so it went one thrill on the heels of another.

Although Tilden was the more versatile, his game was more powerful and only a trifle speedier than that of Davis and Roberts. The persistence of the Californians and their ability to set the most difficult shots back almost had Tilden and Garland at their wits' end. The Westerners never yielded a point without a fight, and it had to be a well earned placement to escape their rackets.

Service a Decided Factor.

Service was a decided factor. Tilden was not troubled so much by the sharp breaking serve of both Davis and Roberts, but Garland was. Between them the Californians scored fourteen service aces, nearly all of them through Garland's court and numerous errors were returned weakly. Davis was the more effective. Only once was his service broken through—after the score stood 1-5 in the second set. He won his games at love. Tilden, too, dropped only one of his service games, but it came in the game that gave the Californians the fourth set. Garland's service only three times, but it was Davis' service which lost the set that saved it on the other occasions.

For Fifteen Games in the Opening Set.

For fifteen games in the opening set neither side succeeded in breaking service, although there were several close calls, but in the sixteenth game finally Roberts dropped his, which was enough to give the Davis cup pair the set at 7-5. By that time the stands were uncomfortably jammed and there were hundreds of standees on all sides of the enclosure.

Tilden's Sensational Net Work.

In the fourth set Tilden was close to losing his first service, but pulled it out through some sensational net work at the net. As in the first set, the net was along on service until the last game when a combination of Garland's and Davis' service broke through. Tilden was practically all over then, for Davis was straight points in a row and then closed one of the most brilliant displays of tennis Longwood has seen. The spectators about that time from the stands with the final stroke of the contest resembled a college cry.

It Took Johnston and Griffin Four Sets to Defeat Wallace F. Johnson and Stanley W. Pearson of Philadelphia in the Other Semi-Final, but the Victory was

F.K. Foss Batters World's Record for Pole Vault

American Exceeds His Own Mark With 13 Feet 5 3/16 Inches in Olympic Games—Woodring Takes 200 Meters, Shea Fourth in 400 Meters.

By the Associated Press.

OLYMPIAN STADIUM, ANTWERP, Belgium, Aug. 20.—This was a day of gladness for the American athletes in the Olympic games. The setting was not exactly a fitting one for a jubilation, for it rained hard, and then some. But with the victory in the games assured, and Yankee representatives, led by Frank K. Foss in the pole vault, continuing their aggressive scoring of points, first place and Olympic records, it was a fine day for the Stars and Stripes. The work of Foss in the pole vault featured a day which was full of big dollops by the Americans.

Foss held the pole vault record and a graduate of Cornell, not only won but not only set a new Olympic record, but he bettered the world's mark for the pole vault with 4.9 meters, or 13 feet 5 3/16 inches. He did not have to do this to win. The second man, Peterman of Denmark, could do no better than 3.70 meters, or 12 feet 1 1/2 inches. But Foss, after clinching the victory, kept right on until he got his record.

Foss held the pole vault record of 13 feet 5 3/16 inches, which he set in Chicago on August 23, 1913. The old Olympic record was 12 feet 1 1/2 inches, and was made by Harry Babcock of New York and Columbia at Stockholm in 1912.

Twice Foss essayed his task and failed. Then, after a long rest and with all the spectators tense, he took an exceptionally long run and a terrific leap, sailed upward and curved his body over the bar like the letter U, snatched the pole backward and dropped amid a great splash of seaward into the pit on the other side.

The crowd in the stands yelled themselves hoarse as the feat was accomplished, while Foss's team mates lifted him upon their shoulders and marched around the band meanwhile playing the national anthem. The cheering and the melody of the band, and photographers were scurrying here and there in order to obtain pictures of the momentous event.

Record by McDonald.

The record made by McDonald, with a throw of 36 feet 11 1/16 inches, was not the only one of the day. In the 56 pound weight throw Pat McDonald of the New York Athletic Club set a new Olympic record with a throw of 36 feet 11 1/16 inches.

This eclipsed the old Olympic mark of 34 feet 4 inches made by E. Desmarre of Canada at the St. Louis games of 1904. No other Olympic mark was broken in the event.

The world's record in the event is 49 feet 6 1/2 inches and is held by Matt McGrath, who was unable to compete today.

Pat McDonald also outdid the Olympic record when he placed second to McDonald in the trials. The final is down for to-morrow. Ryan did 33 feet 10 1/16 inches. Lunde of Sweden did 32 feet 7 1/16 inches.

The United States placed three men among the first six in the pole vault, but outside of the triumph of Foss the general showing of the others was poor. Hodge of the United States was in twelfth place, while the American contingent, which makes Foss's performance all the more remarkable, E. E. Knourek of the Illinois Athletic Club, who should have been an easy second, was in 13th place. Myer of the Chicago Athletic Association was away below them. He was only fourth when he, too, should have beaten Petersen and Knourek. Myer just cleared 11 feet 9 inches. Myer reported having done 12 feet 6 inches.

Jorgensen of Denmark was fifth and Rydberg of Sweden, sixth. E. L. Jensen of Washington State College went down with Myer and Knourek and could not vault over the bar. He was in 13th place.

In addition to winning the pole vault the Americans won the 200 meter dash, which went to the credit of Allen Woodring of the Meadowbrook Club of Philadelphia, with a time of 22 seconds and 2/5.

Woodring was caught in 22 seconds and a half on a rain soaked track—only two-fifths of a second behind the record held by the conditions, mighty spectators rather decided just the name, the score being 4-3, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

The summary:
Final Round—William H. Johnston and Clarence J. Griffin, San Francisco, defeated Wallace F. Johnson and Stanley W. Pearson, Philadelphia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; William H. Johnston and Clarence J. Griffin, San Francisco, defeated Wallace F. Johnson and Stanley W. Pearson, Philadelphia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Longwood Cricket Club Women's Invitation Single—Semi-Final Round—Miss Marion Zbinden, Boston, defeated Miss Helen Baker, San Francisco, 6-2, 6-3; Miss Eleanor Tomlinson, San Francisco, defeated Miss Marion Zbinden, Boston, 6-2, 6-3.

Women's Doubles—Semi-Final Round—Miss Eleanor Tomlinson and Miss Marion Zbinden, Boston, defeated Miss Helen Baker and Miss Edith Signorette, Boston, 6-2, 6-3.

Junior Girls' Singles—Final Round—Miss

Martha Hayward, Short Hills, N. J., defeated Brenda Heidstrom, Buffalo, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.

The Points Score and Stroke Analysis Follow:

FIRST SET.

Tilden-Garland..... 4 1 4 4 0 4 0 4 2 5 4 50-9

Davis-Roberts..... 1 1 4 2 0 4 0 4 2 5 4 50-9

INDIVIDUAL STROKE ANALYSIS

O. N. P. S. A. D. F.

Tilden..... 7 3 8 4 1

Garland..... 8 5 5 0 0

Davis..... 8 5 5 0 0

Roberts..... 12 3 7 1 2

SECOND SET.

O. N. P. S. A. D. F.

Tilden..... 1 4 4 2 5 1 4 1 4 30-6

Garland..... 4 2 1 3 4 0 4 1 29-5

Davis..... 1 4 4 2 5 1 4 1 4 30-6

Roberts..... 4 2 1 3 4 0 4 1 29-5

INDIVIDUAL STROKE ANALYSIS

O. N. P. S. A. D. F.

Tilden..... 3 3 3 2 1 0

Garland..... 4 8 7 0 0

Davis..... 4 8 7 0 0

Roberts..... 4 1 4 1 0

THIRD SET.

O. N. P. S. A. D. F.

Tilden-Garland..... 1 2 4 1 4 4 4 4 34-6

Davis-Roberts..... 1 2 4 1 4 4 4 4 34-6

INDIVIDUAL STROKE ANALYSIS

O. N. P. S. A. D. F.

Tilden..... 2 3 3 2 1 0

Garland..... 2 3 3 2 1 0

Davis..... 2 3 3 2 1 0

Roberts..... 2 3 3 2 1 0

FOURTH SET.

O. N. P. S. A. D. F.

Tilden-Garland..... 1 4 4 1 4 1 4 2 35-6

Davis-Roberts..... 1 4 4 1 4 1 4 2 35-6

INDIVIDUAL STROKE ANALYSIS

O. N. P. S. A. D. F.

Tilden..... 2 3 3 2 1 0

Garland..... 2 3 3 2 1 0

Davis..... 2 3 3 2 1 0

Roberts..... 2 3 3 2 1 0

RECAPITULATION.

O. N. P. S. A. D. F. Total Total

Tilden..... 23 20 24 0 1 1 30 24

Garland..... 23 20 24 0 1 1 30 24

Davis..... 23 20 24 0 1 1 30 24

Roberts..... 23 20 24 0 1 1 30 24

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